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**A. CLASSIFICATION OF SUBJECT MATTER**  
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**B. FIELDS SEARCHED**

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PCT/EP2005/050958**Box II Observations where certain claims were found unsearchable (Continuation of Item 2 of first sheet)**

This International Search Report has not been established in respect of certain claims under Article 17(2)(a) for the following reasons:

1.  Claims Nos.: because they relate to subject matter not required to be searched by this Authority, namely:  
Although claims 1-10 and 12-19 are directed to a method of treatment of the human/animal body, the search has been carried out and based on the alleged effects of the compounds.
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3.  Claims Nos.: because they are dependent claims and are not drafted in accordance with the second and third sentences of Rule 6.4(a).

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This International Searching Authority found multiple inventions in this international application, as follows:

1.  As all required additional search fees were timely paid by the applicant, this International Search Report covers all searchable claims.
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The additional search fees were accompanied by the applicant's protest.

No protest accompanied the payment of additional search fees.

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